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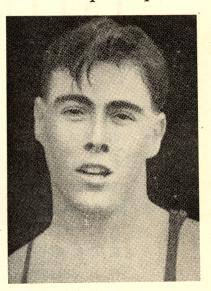
T was a pleasure to congratulate a certain A. J. Genge on the 29th of June — a pleasure and a privilege that a great number of members enjoyed. For that was evergreen Alf Genge's birthday, his 93rd. With a bright wit and a gleam in his eye for the ofttimes ribald remarks of his many friends, Alf looks forward now to the Club's centenary — and to his own soon after. For the Club is only two years older than he; and his membership goes back 64 years to 1889 — a very long and enduring friendship.

HARRY WOLF, back from his extensive trip overseas, lost no time in letting his many friends know he had returned—the Club was one of his first points of call after arriving in Sydney.

SINCERE condolences to Committeeman Alf Collins, whose father passed way during June.

A filly named One Rose carried the sentimental good wishes - and, in many cases, the sentimental wagers - of quite a number of members when she started in the Silverdale Handicap for two-year-old fillies at Warwick Farm on Saturday, 27th June. One Rose was bred by Joe Matthews, by Bourbon from Anne, and was bought from his estate by Ted Forrest, as a present for Mrs. Forrest. The filly raced under Joe Matthews' colours - red, black stripes, white cap; colours made famous by performers like Fujisan, and registered by Ted for Mrs. Forrest when they were surrendered. She beat the highlyfancied Race Talk by half a head, at the nice odds of 50-1.

Bill Kendall Retains Swimming Championship



BILL KENDALL—
Club's Swimming Champion, 1953

EDITORIAL: A Money's Worth.

In weighing amenities and services against the counterpoise of subscriptions, the scales should be placed on a broader base than that of the club itself. Otherwise, it is not possible to make a fair comparison or arrive at a reliable judgment.

Considerations are many, but may be reduced to searching queries, such as: What do other clubs give in return for subscriptions? And how does the return compare, in quality and quantity, with the compensations of Tattersall's Club?

There can be no doubt that none would be better and, probably, few would be equal. There can be no doubt either that membership of Tattersall's Club carries privileges of status and opens an avenue to meeting people desirable socially as well as of advantage in professional and commercial relationships.

Frankly, members within the fold may consider themselves fortunate looking from the inside out on those looking from the outside in, wistfully.

It is not idle to claim that, if the club membership were thrown open to-day, several thousands would queue up in the hope of looking from the inside out.

Those are the facts. Their purpose is to show that membership of Tattersall's Club represents money's worth.

Happy Birthday to You!

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IT is with the greatest regret that we offer our condolences to our friends of Brisbane Tattersall's Club, on the death of the Club's President, Mr. W. J. Healy. Bill Healy, well known to many of our members who make one of the two annual migrations to Brisbane - for the Doomben or for the interclub cricket - had been in indifferent health for some while, but his passing on June 14th was sudden and unexpected.

He joined Brisbane Tattersall's in 1914, was elected to the Committee in 1916; was Treasurer in 1921. Vice-President in 1924 and President for the first time in 1931. A fine and outstanding record of service. It was under his guidance that the Brisbane Club had its great period of expansion, and moved into the fine modern premises it now occupies.

His hospitality, his friendliness, his bright and Irish wit, won him many friends - in all States of the Commonwealth.

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OHN SPENCER, member of our affiliated club, the Terminal City Club of Vancouver, was a welcome visitor over the last week or two. Quarantine requirements extended the short stav he had intended to make in Sydney, and he was glad to make the Club his headquarters — and we were glad to have him do so.

HERE has been a round of congratulations to Bill Kelso. who has recently been elected President of Randwick Rotary. Trainers are rare in Rotary — Bill believes he is the only one in N.S.W. — so he has a double distinction.

DURING June, it was announced that Mr. Adolph Basser of "Delta" fame, had established a further Fund of £100,000 for medical research, education and charity. Already Mr. Basser, who is head of the jewellery firm of Saunders Ltd., had given away other large amounts and his recent gift now brings public-spirited donations to well over £200,000. In 1950, he gave £50,000 to the Royal Australian College of Physicians.

TURF editor of the "Sydney Herald." Morning John Schofield, has resigned from the paper after almost 27 years on the racing staff. His plans are develop "Thoroughbreds" magazine into a monthly publication, and probably to continue as a racing journalist in other connections.

"Thoroughbreds" was established in April, 1950, by Mr. George Ryder, of Woodlands Stud. Denman, and a committeeman of the Sydney Turf Club. It is a quarterly devoted to racehorse breeding, and is the official organ of the Bloodhorse Breeders' Association of Australia. Members will join in wishing John and "Thoroughbreds" every success for the future.

brief note from Charlie Young: he is thoroughly enjoying his Coronation trip, is in the best of health — and sends his regards to all.

HARRY LESNIE, confined to his home for a while, is now up and about again. Next Page, Please

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Members are invited to notify the Secretary of the date of their Birthday.

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T'S stale news, now — but in case you baven't seen bim, Frank Kreiger is back in the Club after his trip to Perth.

NEWS of members on the Sick List: Dick Lewis, in Concord Hospital, is reported to be doing well. Stan Chatterton, also is making good progress after his operation. Stan Crick is ill, but should, we hope, be on the mend by the time you read this. To all those named, and to many others of whom we have no news, our best wishes for a complete and speedy recovery.

CLUB member, Bert Sakzewski, has been appointed chairman of Tattersalls Club. Brisbane, following the death of W. J. Healy.

MANICURIST

A Manicurist will commence operating in the Barber Shop on Tuesday, 4th August. 1953.

> M. D. J. DAWSON. Secretary.

THE best of good wishes to Jack Sims, who is now mine host of a friendly hotel at Woolgoolga. That's about thirty miles the other side of Coff's Harbour - and a good place to stay, so we've been informed.

UITE a few travellers among our committeemen: A. G. Collins has been to Brisbane, now returned. Frank Carberry, also, is off for a holiday up north. And Chairman Hickey is also to be envied - he is away for his "annual" to Grafton for a week or two.

V ORE sick list reports: Stan Crick is still in hospital, but making progress. Boyd Lane, too, is in hospital for a spell. Treasurer John Roles has been home for a few days with a touch of real old-fashioned gout, but hopes soon to be around and about again. Ralph Hutchinson is another member in hospital for a short treatment.

CLEM WITHYCOMBE, whose interesting reminiscences are featured elsewhere in this issue. has been confined to his home at Potts Point for a while; but now, we are glad to report, up and about again and hoping to be soon back in the Club at "veterans' corner."

A LTHOUGH attendances at the early rounds of the Billiards and Snooker Tournaments were not as good as previous years, no doubt, now that the Tournament is in full swing, interest will be further stimulated among members.

THE final rounds of the Billiards promise some very exciting games. On present form, Mousally, Longworth, Chown and Robertson are potential winners. In the snooker, with only one game played until the finals, old man Luck looms up so often, that the chances are more obscure.

M OUSALLY, after a slow start, gave a great exhibition when he defeated G. Fienberg in the Billiards. A beautiful break of 68, followed by a 42 and several 20's, left no doubt about his superiority on the day. He also made a 30 break in his snooker match against Sam Peters.

A NOTHER great game was played between Roy Brooks and Eric Westhoff, whose chances were rated highly. Brooks, who has not entered the Tournament for a number of years, showed a return to form by his solid play in this match.



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BOWLING NOTES ...

Good Month for Bowlers

During the past month we have played plenty of bowls, and members all appear to have taken part in some very enjoyable outings which finished with a match against Waverley on June 25.

ON June 6 we played the U.L.V.A. at Victoria Park green, and after a keen game, suffered defeat by 11 points in a 4 rink match.

Details: Turner, Abbott, Williams, McDonald (T.), 11; Manning, Cummings, J. Smith, Rose (U.L.V.A.), 22; Buckle, Ahern, Silk, Bloomfield (T.), 18; Richardson, R. Williams, Kerr, J. O'Neill (U.L.V.A.), 23; Mitchell, Jones, Peters, Booth (T.), 27; Allen, Donaldson, Cave, Plasto (U.L.V.A.), 20; Ball, Fay, Monro, Hill (T.), 15; Tolhurst, Martin, C. Donaldson, W. O'Neill (U.L.V.A.), 21.

Totals: U.L.V.A. 106, Tatts., 95.

On June 18, we had a grand game against City Tatts. at Bondi, and a close game showed us down by 12 shots.

Details: Jones, Buckle, J. O'Neill, Eaton (T.), 23; Josselyn, Rose, Williamson, W. O'Neill (C.T.), 17; Fay, Dewdney, Monro, McDonald (T.), 10; Galvin, Kennedy, Fallon, Cave (C.T.), 30; Ball, Abbott, Peters, Davis (T.), 17; Richards, Deverall, Evans, Treasure (C.T.), 19; Williams, Silk, Emanuel, Hill (T.), 26; Boden, Bingle, Johns, King (C.T.), 11; Ahearn, Kirby, Relton, Booth (T.), 13; Wilde, Fones, Green, Thomas (C.T.), 24.

Totals: City Tatts., 111; Tatts., 99.

Our Tuesday Knockout Com-

petition for unaffiliated clubs is now nearing completion and has been voted an unqualified success.

Some very keen games have been played and now only four rinks remain. It is expected the competition will end on Tuesday, July 7.

The following matches were decided during the month.

On June 16, Marks, Thomas, Owen, Bailey (R.A.C.A.), 22 d. Passmore, Eaton, Dewdney, McIntosh (T.), 17; Josselyn, Sullivan, C. Williamson, W. O'Neill (City T.), 25 d. Hebling, Vincer, Cavanough, Lindsay (E. S. & A. Bank), 24.

This was a great game, and at the end of 21 ends the score was 24 all. An extra end was played and Bill O'Neill's team had a bowl about one inch behind the jack. Bob Lindsay's last bowl finished about two inches short to lose the match.

On June 23, Maddock, Powell, Bardon, Rinaldi (Insurance), 23, d. Larkin, Warren, Hudspeth, Hawkins (Chemists), 24. The latter rink had three interstate players, and led 20-12 on 16th end, and 22-19 on 20th. Rinaldi's rink scored 4 shots on the 21st end for a 1 shot victory.

The semi-finals and finals should be great games.

On Thursday, 25th June, the most looked-forward-to event of the year, our annual match at Waverley, eventuated.

As is usual we were given a splendid lunch presided over by President Les Fingleton, who was in excellent form, both as host and player. He gave a warm welcome to the nine rinks comprising Tattersalls' team, and gave a special welcome to Jack Roles, our first President. He also presented us with a pennant which commemorated Waverlev's 60th anniversary. This gift will have a place of honour in our Club. Afternoon tea speakers were Charlie Baker, Senior V.P. of Waverley and our V.P., Jack Roles, both of whom were at their best.

Again as is usual we had to accept defeat by 31 shots, which was not a bad effort for a 9 rink combination against the strong Waverley Club.

Details: Gillespie, Kirby, Kippax, Booth (T.), 19; Emanuel, Coulson, Leason, Fingleton (W.), 21; Ball, Lindsay, J. Williams, Roles (T.), 9; O'Brien, Godfrey, Morrin, Mullan (W.), 22; Bavington, Abbott, Cox, Hill (T.). 16; De Saxe, Plumb, Miller, Cubitt (W.), 13; Saulwick, Silk. Bloomfield, Collins (T.), 18; Walker. Sampson, Bimson. Baker (W.), 28; Simpson, Hole, G. McDonald, Eaton (T.), 29; Cocks, Harfield, Buck, Faul (W.), 20; Ahearn, Dewdney, Relton, C. Emanuel (T), 19: Johnson, Raymond, Jatward, Crome (W.), 17; Mitchell, McGrath, Webster, Barmby (T.). 25; Acheson, Pearce, H. D. Spyer, Sarper (W.), 28; H. Jones, Brown, Stephenson, N. Jones (T.), 13; Woodcock, Dimrick, L. Johnson, Staley (W.), 29; Turner, Lewis, Thomas, Peters (T.), 20; Howard, Stone. Shirley, Fred Spyer (W.), 21.

Totals: Waverley, 199; Tatts., 168.

So ended a splendid day, but it is fitting that tribute be paid to our hard-working Hon. Sec., Bill Hole, whose efforts were praised by everyone.



Honours Go to Kendall & Kirwan

In the final summing up of the swimming season the "K's" had it when Bill Kirwan won the "Native Son" Point Score for most points scored during the season, and Bill Kendall retained his Championship title in fine style.

AS anticipated, Kirwan won the big trophy easily with 179 points, a record score, by 14½ points from Fred Harvie, with Clive Hoole 11½ away just touching off John Dexter by half a point.

Actually the final stages of the series were centred round the battle for third, fourth and fifth places. The placings depended upon the last race.

Hoole managed a tie for second place in a heat with Peter Lindsay whilst Dexter got into the final and had to swim second to land third placing in the big Point Score. He looked a sure thing to finish second in the final to popular Harold Herman until Bill Kendall came with one of his devastating finishes and snatched second place by a bare touch.

Arthur McCamley also got into the final and wanted a placing to beat Lindsay for fifth in the "Native Son" but couldn't manage it and so ended up sixth, half a point astern.

Bill Kirwan has presented the trophies for the "Native Son" Point Score since 1946, but as he could hardly win his own trophy the Club members are presenting him with one whilst Bill, to commemorate his very popular victory and as a Coro-

nation Year gesture, has presented the trophies for the minor places together with some for fourth and fifth places.

Hats off to genial Bill!

Final event of the season was the 40 yards Championship, which was viewed by quite a good gathering of Club members.

Three heats were run off with first in each and the fastest second qualifying for the final.

Bill Kendall, holder of the title, had an easy win in the first but set the pace so well for John Dexter that John gained the fastest second time.

Malcolm Fuller beat Harry Davis handily in the second heat, Harry swimming a bit below his best form, whilst the third heat resulted in a thrilling dead-heat between Bob Harris and Fred Harvie.

The tie put five into the final and whilst it seemed that, barring the interference that usually crops up in a five man race, Kendall and Fuller would be first and second, the race for third place was eagerly awaited and chances keenly discussed.

As far as the major places went the tips were right, Kendall retaining his title easily with Fuller next, but the race for the minor placing was all that was expected.

Dexter, swimming between Kendall and Fuller and aided by a pace set, swam a sizzling first lap and just lasted long enough to beat Harvie for third place. That it was close was shown by the fact that two of the five judges declared a deadheat and the other three plumped for Dexter.

It was a fitting wind-up to a crackerjack season and would have made glad the heart of committeeman Alf G. Collins, who donated the Championship trophies, had he been there instead of in Brisbane. Thanks, Alf!

The June Point Score resulted in a tie between Bill Kirwan and Clive Hoole, even though Bill was unable to start in the final of the last race.

For the next three months or so the swimmers go into recess and will start racing again in October.

Next big item will be the Swimming Club Ball which will take place in September. The actual date will be announced soon and it will be up to members to get their reservations in bright and early as bookings are limited and many want to come.

Members will be pleased to know that Swimming Club Handicapper, John Gunton, who has been laid up for some time, is progressing well.

Results

June 9 — 40 yards Handicap: W. Kirwan (26) 1, C. Hoole (23) and J. O. Dexter (22) 2. Time 25.7 secs.

June 16 — 80 yards Brace Relay Handicap: D. B. Hunter and C. Hoole (51) 1, R. Harris and H. E. Davis (43) 2, J. Shaffran and F. Harvie (44) 3. Time 50.7 secs. June 23 — 80 yards Brace Relay Handicap: V. Thicknesse and P. Williams (47) and J. O. Dexter and T. Barrell (46) 1, P. Lindsay and G. Laforest (46) 3. Times 46.8 and 45.8 secs.

June 30 — 40 yards Handicap: H. Herman (28) 1, W. Kendall (19) 2, J. O. Dexter (22) 3. Time 26.9 secs.

40 Yards Club Championship

1st Heat: W. Kendall, 19.2 secs., 1; J. O. Dexter, 21.3, 2; C. Emanuel, 3.

2nd Heat: M. Fuller, 20.8, 1; H. E. Davis, 21.8, 2; K. Francis, 3; G. Laforest, 4.

3rd Heat: R. Harris and F. Harvie, 21.4, 1; W. Williams, 3.

Final: W. Kendall, 19.1, 1; M. Fuller, 20.5, 2; J. O. Dexter, 21.2, 3; F. Harvie, 4; R. Harris, 5.

"Native Son" 1952/53 Point Score

This series for all points scored during the season, resulted: W. Kirwan, 179 points, 1; F. G. Harvie, 164½ points, 2; C. Hoole, 153 points, 3; J. O. Dexter, 152½ points, 4; P. B. Lindsay, $147\frac{1}{2}$ points, 5; A. McCamley, 147, 6; T. Barrell, 139½, 7; H. E. Davis, 130½, 8; J. Shaffran, 130, 9; G. Laforest, 122, 10; N. Barrell, 109, 11; K. Francis, 107, 12; R. Harris, 106, 13; B. Chiene, 103½, 14; W. B. Phillips, 103, 15; M. Fuller, 102½, 16; S. Murray, 98½, 17; G. Boulton, 89½, 18; A. K. Webber, 82½, 19; C. Emanuel. $80\frac{1}{2}$, 20; G. Goldie, $78\frac{1}{2}$, 21; G. McGilvray, 77½, 22; S. Lorking, 77, 23; K. Doyle, 72, 24; J. N. Creer, 71½, 25; V. Thicknesse, 71, 26.

June Point Score

This series resulted: W. Kirwan and C. Hoole, 21 points, 1; H. E. Davis, 20, 3; J. O. Dexter, 19½, 4; J. Shaffran, F. Harvie, H. Herman and K. Francis, 18, 5; P. Lindsay, 16½, 9; A. McCamley, 16, 10; T. Barrell, 15½, 11; V. Thicknesse, 11½, 12; G. Laforest, 11, 13; R. Harris and C. Emanuel 10, 14.

HANDBALL

Champions Topple in "Winooka Competition"

There is an old and wise saying in Racing circles—
"That weight beats the best of them." Apparently, it
does not only apply to racing, as several of our best players
have not been able to overcome the handicap conditions
of the "Winooka Competition."

THERE have been some surprise results, and the most outstanding one being the defeat of our Club Champion, George McGilvray by Geoff Eastment, and also our B grade Champion John Dexter by Eric Thompson. Both games were looked upon as in the bag for the Champions, but the handicaps were

just too much for them on the day. All credit must go to Geoff and Eric for taking advantage of the conditions and we wish them luck during the other games which they will have to play in this event.

Full details of results to date are as follows:

	Handicap	Score			Handicap	Score
Peter Lindsay	(9)	42	v.	Andy McGill	(21)	40
Neil Barrell	(29)	.41	v.	Harry Davis	(21)	37
Eric Thompson	(24)	41	v.	John Dexter	(12)	16
John Buckle	(14)	45	v.	Malcolm Fuller	(23)	43
E. E. Davis	(scr.)	41	v.	Fred Harvie	(12)	35
Geoff Eastment	(22)	41	v.	George McGilvray	(scr.)	31
Col. Chatterton	(26)	41	v.	Bill Kirwan	(21)	32

In the Lindsay-McGill contest, Andy looked certain to win. However, a bad patch at the critical moment when he was leading 39-36, enabled Peter to pull the game out of the fire. This was a very good game played in a grand manner by both chaps. Geoff Eastment was Umpire.

The Barrell-Davis game was a surprise. Harry was long odds on at the outset, but Neil showed surprising form to run out winner 41-37. Peter Lindsay officiated as Umpire.

The Thompson-Dexter game was an absolute boil-over. Eric played better than he had ever played before. He allowed John

only a few points and ran out the easiest of winner. Arthur McCamley helped out as Umpire.

The Buckle-Fuller match was full of thrills. Malcolm was a rank outsider, but his form was such that John was flat to the boards winning, eventually making the score 45-43, after a very stern struggle. It was tough luck for Malcolm to find John in such a fighting spirit; Sam Block being Umpire.

The Davis-Harvie match was looked upon as being one of the highlights of the Competition. Fred was considered as having a very good chance of defeating Eddie at the weights, and a smashing game was the Polyton and the Polyton was the Polyton was the Polyton was the Polyton was the Polyton and the Polyton was the Poly

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Veteran Sportsman Clem Withycombe

C. J. (Clem) Withycombe, reclining in a big chair in that portion of the club room which has come to be known as the veterans' corner, looked back in our conversation across the long arch of the years and brought the past, with its crowding of personalities and events, into contemporary focus.

H1S was a colourful story, a chapter in history that should not go unrecorded because his personal contribution has highlighted passages, because he is a living exemplar of the sporting code handed on by his generation and before, as an article of faith which the moderns must keep to be worthy of their inheritance.

Clem Withycombe was born at Maitland in 1878. His family moved to Box Hill, Windsor, and lived there till 1887; then moved to Sutton Forest.

There he saw a good deal of Etienne de Mestre and his older sons, including Ettie G., who went to the South African War and remained to train horses. Jack Joel took him to England and he had a fair amount of success with Joel's horses. Ettie's brothers, Jock and Hurtle, were good horsemen.

Clem Withycombe left school in 1895 to attend Hawkesbury Agricultural College. This gave him opportunity to see a good deal of Hobartville Stud, owned then by W. A. Long and George Hill, and supervised by Alex Benson, A.J.C. judge. Clarrie Lawson, an expert on pedigrees, mated the mares.

Hobartville had a grand lot of mares and the sires were Grand Flaneur, Niagara (half-brother of Trenton), Far Niente (imported son of Galliard), Marvel and Patrol (brother of Hopscotch).

Trenton had been sold recently to W. R. Wilson, but there was plenty of Trenton's blood at Hobartville. Clem saw the great Merman (Grand Flaneur-Seaweed) there as a youngster. Merman's form was only moderate in Australia, but in England he won the Cesarewitch under a light weight, and later proved himself a first class horse, winning the Ascot, Goodwood and Jockey Club cups. Merman raced in the colours of Lily Langtry, "the Jersey Lily."

Clem Withycombe continued his story: "From the Hawkesbury in 1895 I went to our own property, "Piercefield," Denman, where we were in the centre of many big studs — Widden, Oakleigh, Merton, Turonville, Belltrees, Neotsfield and Tocal.

"This gave me opportunity to see great sires and big lots of brood mares. I had enjoyable times seeing their stock from when they were foals. I also had good experience working for two of the biggest Indian horse shippers, Jules Gascard and Henry Van Rennan and learnt quite a lot about conformation and unsoundness. We had the horses on our property and I helped to class them before shipping them at Newcastle.

"I never saw Chester, Grand Flaneur, Abercorn, or Carbine



race, but I think Carbine the best race horse we ever had with Phar Lap not far behind him. Other great horses I saw race were Newhaven, Aurum, Poseidon, Prince Foote, Comedy King, Artilleryman, Poitrel, Peter Pan and Hall Mark.

"I think Wakeful the best mare I ever saw race, with La Carabine, Auraria, Flight, and Tranquil Star all great. La Carabine was the greatest stayer of them all.

"The sires I have seen and admire most are Grand Flaneur, Lochiel, Grafton, Malster, Positano, Gozo and Comedy King. Gozo was a great sire of handicap horses. They won three Melbourne Cups and were good over all distances, but were mostly plain horses. Positano fillies were not of much account but his colts were good. W.F.A. and Handicap horses over all distances and won three Melbourne Cups.

"The best amateur horse I ever saw was Dalkeith by Seneschal (son of Splendour). I think he went to India and won the Viceroy Cup; then on to England and won the Newbury Spring Cup.

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"I retain a great respect for Mr. de Mestre as he gave me good advice about training and feeding horses. After leaving school I went to see him nearly every year until he died.

"Some of the men who worked for him turned out successful trainers, including Tom Lamond, who trained Trenton and many good horses and had one of the best stables in Sydney at Zetland Lodge. His grandson, Stan Lamond, is one of our successful trainers. Others were Jim Monaghan, trainer of Marvel, and Bill Brennan, trainer of Blue Metal and many other good horses.

"John Mayo gave me a lot of good advice, too, and sold me my first studbook brood mare, Equality by Australian Perr from Egalite. She bred me five winners and one of her daughters bred me two Randwick winners in Border Chief and Blue Ensign.

"I did most of my racing in the country and Newcastle district. The best of my horses to win at Randwick were Brolly, Border Chief, Broad Arrow (Sydney Cup), Real Mackay (Wallsend Cup), Freckles and Quadrant. Brolly held the five furlong record for many years and Freckles still holds the seven furlong record.

"I won my first race with a horse I trained myself and rode him in all his work in 1893 when 15 years old.

Etienne de Mestre won five Melbourne Cups — four with his own horses, Archer (2), Tim Whiffler and Calamia, as well as Chester. He trained for James White.

"John Mayo won Melbourne Cups with Lord Cardigan and Lord Nolan, both by Positano and bred by himself.

"Hence my admiration for these two noted men who gave me a fund of information in my youth."

Australian Sire Does Well in U.S.

ROYAL GEM, bought in 1949 by an American syndicate headed by Warner L. Jones, of Lexington, Kentucky, for a reported 100,000 dollars (£A45,000), today is accepted as the best of the Australian sires snapped up by American breeders.

Until the end of April his growing reputation depended mainly on the victories of Royal Bay Gem with Dark Star as a consistent second string. From 13 starters from his first twoyear-olds, Royal Gem had six winners last year. Earnings for group were £A26,000. which was increased to £A44,000 soon after the opening of the current season.

Royal Bay Gem was then still the big contributor. With useful wins and helpful place money he had taken his total to just over £A45,000 before the running of the Kentucky Derby on May 2. Even the Derby Trial victory of the other prominent Royal Gem colt, Dark Star, left Royal Bay Gem well ahead. Then came the Derby — and victory for the 23 to 1 outsider Dark Star. Net result was to give Royal Gem the first two 100,000 dollar winners from his first crop of foals. Dark Star's win brought his total earnings to 129,837 dollars and fourth money, a modest 2,500 dollars, raised Royal Bay Gem's total to 102,945 dollars. In the Derby Royal Bay Gem, at 9 to 2, was third favourite the hitherto unbeatable Native Dancer was at 6 to 5 and the highly rated west coaster Correspondent was 2 to 1.

Before the Derby was run the experts could not see Native Dancer losing. But after the race turf writer George F. T. Ryall declared:

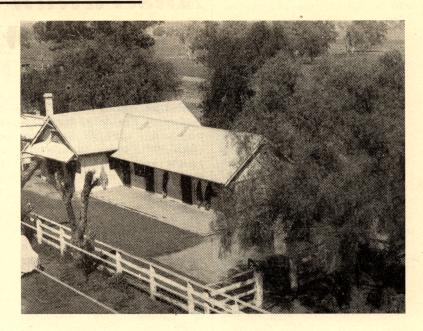
"Like most unexpected events, the victory of Harry Guggenheim's Dark Star in the Kentucky Derby seems reasonable enough when you look back on it." Ryall, who perhaps is better known by the pen name Audax Minor, above which he writes a weekly turf commentary in the magazine The New Yorker, explained his comment this way:

"For one thing, apparently few trainers and jockeys, especially jockeys, took the Trial Derby seriously: another, Dark Star may be a better colt than anybody, including his owner and trainer, dreamed he was. At any rate he has speed, courage and a smooth way of going to recommend him."

Dark Star ran the Derby Trial and the Derby itself in the same way, but that, it is suggested, was more by chance than by intention. Whatever may have been the plan for the Trial. it is established that Hank Moreno, Dark Star's jockey, had been told to lay back with the field, preferably with Correspondent, who was regarded as the greatest danger to Native Dancer. But when he found himself in the lead the first turn. with Correspondent just behind forcing the pace. decided that maybe the way to win the Derby was to stay in front as he had in the Trial. He did just that.

They are still arguing on American tracks as to whether Native Dancer would have cut down Dark Star had he not been boxed in and bumped by Money Broker at the first turn. But class horses bumped early in a race usually have enough Please turn to Page 24

Historic St. Aubins



When the spring grasses were just ousting the winter growths from the famous Hunter Valley district of N.S.W., the thoroughbred stallion, Kuvera left the St. Aubins Stud at Scone for a life of idleness and croppings in a green paddock at Quirindi.

HE had sired no champions, no racehorses with the speed and stamina which once had made him one of the finest gallopers in the land. The best of his progeny were St. Elmo and Dick Whittington, fitted only for minor struggles. In stark words, Kuvera was a stud failure.

But the day the old stallion was loaded into a float to leave St. Aubins, quite a few hearts heaved sadly, quite a few voices echoed regret as whispered farewells were taken. For it was around Kuvera and a dozen mares that famous St. Aubins, breeding-place of champions, was founded in June, 1936.

Big businessman, W. J. Smith, in partnership with F. P. Cruttenden, under the nom-decourse Mr. "F. Smithden," had owned Kuvera and other successful racehorses. When the time

came for Kuvera to retire from racing Mr. Smith, stirred by the blood of his ancestors who had been land holders in Ireland, looked around for a suitable breeding property.

His search ended at historic St. Aubins, 4,300 acres of undulating grasslands, a mile on the Sydney side of Scone. St. Aubins, named after the old capital of the Isle of Jersey, originally had been a grant of 100,000 acres to Captain du Merrick, officer in the first N.S.W. Corps, back in the early 19th century.

Gradually the land was subdivided, sold, and at one time even offered back to the N.S.W. Corps at £1 an acre. From the du Merrick family it passed to Brown, to Bakewell, to a drover named Perrett, who had made big money by buying and selling sheep and cattle during a drought. It was a decrepit,

bedraggled St. Aubins when W. J. Smith set his business brain to work upon it in 1936. A few poor cattle grazed there. It had only one stallion box, which housed no stallion. Fences were in disrepair, buildings desolate, stables and cattlepens practically demolished.

Today St. Aubins is one of the most modern, picturesque, and successful stud properties in Australia. Arisen from its early gropings as a thoroughbred farm, it is a showpiece of the Hunter Valley. Its 4,300 acres of rich, limestone country spread on both sides of the New England Highway in a patchwork pattern of variegated green.

St. Aubins is completely self-contained. It has 330 acres cultivated with oats, wheat, lucerne and a little barley, which provide all the fodder needed by its growing family of horseflesh. It has a piggery with 520 grunting, m u d - wallowing inhabitants; nearly 100 specially-raised white turkeys; a dairy of 66 Illawarra

Shorthorns; a few fat lambs; and in the hothouse are nearly 2,000 tomato plants bearing a luscious crop in season. Eight miles away, but one of its possessions nevertheless, St. Aubins owns a lime mine, from which lime is crushed for cultivation, baked for building purposes.

Beneath St. Aubins is a sea of water, but it seldom is tapped for irrigation. Most of the 200,000 gallons sprayed daily comes from the Scone sewerage treatment works, the water of which is harnessed and turned back over St. Aubins. Experts declare that the treated sewage water benefits the crops and grazing paddocks more than does the natural subterranean water.

The stud has its own grass tracks, 6½ furlongs around, on which two-year-olds and sometimes the older horses can be sprinted and trained.

St. Aubins this season has four stallions, nearly 150 mares and half as many yearlings.

All thoroughbreds are weighed regularly. St. Aubins' management thus can keep check on the progress and health, particularly of the stallions, and the mares in foal. Experts can tell from the increasing weights whether the foals are developing normally before birth.

Stallion weights, which are checked regularly, indicate that the older horses vary little. Young stallions, like Calabar and a new imported horse, Near Way, increase rapidly as they let down from racehorses into sires.

Ajax, who had much of his Australian stud career at St. Aubins, was 1,338 lb. when he went to Sydney for sale a few years ago. He was a hundred-weight lighter when he returned to St. Aubins after W. J. Smith, intending him for America, paid 13,000 gns. for him. Loss of weight probably was caused by travel and the excitement of the sale ring. Seeing a crowd again,



Calabar being weighed on the special scales—a regular part of the routine at St. Aubins. Picture on opposite page shows a view of the pleasant homestead.

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Ajax became a little overwrought as his mind slipped back to his old days of racehorse supremacy.

To give him extra strength to withstand a Pacific crossing, it was decided to build him to 1,350 lb. before he left Australia. Ajax topped the mark, weighed 1,352 lb. the day before he was shipped.

St. Aubins has had some outstanding sires. Beau Pere, a great success in Australia and equally so in America, stood at St. Aubins for many years. So did Gene Tout, the sire of Columnist. But Ajax is the horse the stud staff will not forget. He was more than a champion stallion, he was a docile, stable pet, to be played with and admired.

Wal Singleton, who has looked after the St. Aubins' sires for years, and who has had a lifetime with horses, says Ajax was the kindest stallion he ever handled. Two little girls used to bring Ajax sweets, apples or sugar practically every morning he was at St. Aubins.

When the party was over, they would be hoisted together on to his back and taken for a ride. To add to the fun, Ajax would open his mouth wide and allow the wee lasses to put in their arms almost to the elbows. Never once would he close his mouth or attempt to bite.

Singleton, too, had a regular game with Ajax. He would hide an apple in his clothes and walk into his yard. The job for Ajax then was to hunt through coat, vest and trouser pockets until he found it.

At. St. Aubins young horses are taught to fear neither man nor machine. They are walked about the Sydney streets to accustom them to the noise and bustle of traffic. They are even taken past railway lines, to teach them not to shy when anything rushes past; in the stables the youngsters are treated gently and intelligently.

All stallions at St. Aubins are treated alike. They are given regular exercise, to keep them

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A Story of Richard Tattersall

The present buildings of Tattersall's, standing where Knightsbridge meets the Brompton Road are a far cry from the sanded yard hard by Hyde Park Corner, where thick-set little Richard Tattersall, known to his intimates as "Tatt," used to hold forth on the merits of a steed as it was being trotted up and down before a crowd of jockeys, men about town, peers and horse lovers.

TATTERSALL held a ninetynine year lease of the property, and when his lease lapsed, the House of Tattersall moved westward through the Toll Gate, which is now Piccadilly, and alongside the leafy lane where the traffic crowds along the road to Knightsbridge.

If you stroll into the present room which has succeeded the first private room of Richard Tattersall, you will see displayed a portrait of a horse and beneath it this is written: "Highflyer must not be sold."

Thereby hangs a tale. One day a tall, red-faced man dressed in the height of fashion walked up to Richard Tattersall as he was conducting a sale and whispered something in his ear. The two passed into an inner room. "What can I do for you, m'lud?" asked the famous dealer in horses. "I'm selling Highflyer, Tatt," gulped the nobleman. "I want you to put him up at the next auction."

For a moment Richard Tattersall blinked. Then he asked, "And the reserve?"

"Two thousand five hundred," replied Lord Bolingbroke.

Tattersall whistled. He knew Highflyer well — who did not? For Highflyer in those days (rather more than a century and a half ago) was a name to conjure with in Turf circles.

"Tatt" thought deeply as he

proffered his noble client a glass of wine. "I would like to buy Highflyer, m'lud. Only question is, where could I find so much money?"

In those days the golden sovereign was around what £15 is worth to-day, and never had so high a price been asked for a horse. But Tattersall, former head-groom of the Duke of Kingston, had won for himself a first-rate reputation for straight-dealing.

"If you want the horse," said the peer, "then I'll wait — if you can let me have enough for what I need at the Club."

So "Tatt" became owner of the most famous horse of the day without paying eash.

Ever since he had left the service of the Duke of Kingston and settled as a horse dealer near the Park, things had gone reasonably well with Tattersall. And with this horse he made a fortune. Like most horse-lovers, he did not forget his four-footed friend. "Whatever happens," he used to say to his son, Edmund, "Highflyer is not to be sold."

He said this so often that his son replied one day, "Why not write that down, sir, in case we forget your orders?"

Ignoring the sarcasm, the old fellow slapped his thigh. "I will," he said. "I will have that lettered and put under his portrait." And he pointed with his stubby forefinger at the great canvas of his favourite that hung in his private room.

Some years later, Tattersall, having been authorised by the Prince of Wales to sell his stud, found himself not only a rich man, but one likely to be richer. He decided that he would establish his family, and to this end he set about making a place for himself in the country.

He called in a good architect and had a baronial home designed. He bought land in the Isle of Ely and soon saw himself master of a fine home set in fine gardens. "And what, sir," asked his son, "are you going to call the place?"

"What name?" puffed "Old Tatt." "What name if not Highflyer Hall, my boy!"

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RESULTS — Coronation Billiards Tournament

Lesnie, H.	(R. 110) beat	Scarf, C.	(R. 140) by	43
	(R. 25) "	Mackie, D.	(R. 130) ,,	
Seamonds, N.		Williams, Dr. B.	(R. 110) ,,	forfeit
Kirby, V. L.	(R. 100) ,,	Price, R.	(R. 125) ,,	62
Hutchinson, Ralph		Fidden, K. F. E.	(R. 115) "	11
Chown, A. J.	(R. 25) ,,	Moore, J. S.		106
Hutchinson, W. G.	(D 100)			
Williams, L.	(D 100)	Fingleton, L. J.		12
	(R. 100) ,,	Cohen, Chas.	(R. 85) ,,	forfeit
Eaton, J.		Holden, Judge		46
Ranger, K.		Hickey, J. D.	(R. 120) ,,	83
Leach, Thos.	(R. 125) "	Vockler, F., Snr.	(Owes 10) ,,	37
Robertson, H. J.	(Owes 75) ,,	Hill, Harold	(R. 90)	71
Tinkler, W. E.	(R. 80) ,,	White, N. C.	(R. 110) "	1
White, E. K.	(R. 105) ,,	Halcroft, E. A.	(R. 100) "	1 5
Plomley, N. R.	(R. 65) "	Stephenson, Eric	(R. 110) "	51
Buckle, A. R.	(R. 95) "	Collins, E. A.	(R. 105)	41
Howarth, L. H.	(R. 105) .,	Gelling, A. C.	(R. 115)	57
Ley, Dr. C. P.	(R. 95) ,,	Sims, J. L.	(R. 110) "	forfeit
Davis, E. A.	(R. 60)	Laforest, W. R.	(R. 100) "	forfeit
Lyons, E.	(R. 60) ,,	Watson, G. J.	(R. 65) ,,	forfeit
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riaigii, L. J.	(R. 60) "	Schwarz, P. J.	(R. 85) ,,	58

RESULTS — Coronation Snooker Tournament

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	Harris, J.	(R.	45)	beat	Fingleton, L. J.	(R.	47)	by	8
	Miller, A. V.	(R.	28)	,,	Moore, J. S.	(R.	50)	,,	54
	Longworth, W.	(Owes	60)	,,	Roles, J. A.	(R.	100)	,,	76
	Eaton, J.	(R.	35)	,,	Hasemer, L.	(R.	40)	,,	31
	Turner, Alan	(R.	40)	,,	McGill, A. J.	(R.	45)	,,	34 -
	Relton, S. R.	(R.	55)	,,	McGrath, P. W.	(R.	50)	,,	23
	Marshall, W. G.	(R.	50)	,,	Dovey, Justice	(R.	55)	,,	25
	Stanford, I. E.	(R.	42)	,,	Stephenson, Eric	(R.	52)	**	13
	Chatterton, S. E.	(R.	45)	,,	Palfreyman, J. R. L.	(R.	50)	,,	41
	Williams, Dr. B.	(R.	45)	,,	Gelling, A. C.	(R.	42)	,,	37
	Lane, B. M.	(R.	27)	,,	Halcroft, E. A.	(R.	45)	,,	16
	Howarth, A. J.	(R.	35)	,,	Seamonds, Dr. H.	(R.	43)	,,	65
	Bloomfield, D.	(R.	45)	,,	McAndrew, L.	(R.	50)	,,	forfeit
	O'Sullivan, J. F.	(R.	50)	,,	Plomley, N. R.	(R.	34)	,,	56
	Gordon, A. S.	(R.	50)	,,	Relton, S. R.	(R.	55)	,,	28
	Eaton, J.	(R.	35)	,,	Holden, Judge	(R.	55)	,,	18
	Williams, Dr. B.	(R.	45)	,,	Baulman, E. J.	(R.	45)	,,	2
	Marshall W. G.	(R.	50)	,,	Parr, H. G.	(R.	50)	,,	46
	Howarth, L. H.	(R.	32)	,,	Sullings, H. S.	(R.	60)	,,	22
	Bloomfield, D.	(R.	45)	,,	Stewart, S.	(R.	45)	,,	12
	O'Neill, J. P.	(R.	40)	,,	Silk, I.	(R.	50)	,,	7
	Hill, Harold	(R.	43)	,,	Barmby, R. B.	(R.	47)	,,	34
	Sweet, S. G.	(R.	50)	,,	Elliott, G. H.	(R.	45)	,,	39
	Moore, G. J. C.	(R.	55)	,,	Monaro, J. L.	(R.	45)	,,	25
	Fidden, K. F. E.	(R.	32)	,,	Harris, J.	(R.	45)	,,	21
	Kirby, V. L.	(R.	45)	,,	Ley, Dr. C. P.	(R.	47)	,,	1
	White, N. C.	(R.	47)	,,	Chambers, C. O.	(R.	50)	,,	2
	Scarf, C.	(R.	60)	,,	Hickey, J. D.	(R.	50)	"	12
	Miller, A. V.	(R.	28)	,,	Williams, L. G.	(R.	50)	,,	22
	Pick, J. L.	(R.	42)	,,	Gray, R. J. A.	(R.	50)		3
	Lane, B. M.	(R.	27)	,,	Lyons, E.	(R.	40)		34
	Tinkler, W. E.	(R.	37)	,,	Buckle, A. R.	(R.			11
	Schwarz, P. J.	(R.	33)	,,	Plasto, L. P.	(R.			8
	Norton, S. M.	(R.	5)	,,	Armstrong, John	(R.		-	1
	Davis, E. A.	(R.	25)	,,	Norris, B. M.	(R.		"	9
	Fienberg, G.	(R.	25)	,,	Stanford, I. E.	(R.			39
	Mousally, G. J.	(R.	12)	,,	Peters, S.	(R.	27)	"	36
	Robertson, H. J.	(R.	5)	,,	MacDonald, C. K.	(R.	40)		8
	Brooks, H. F. R.	(R.	45)	,,	Westhoff, E. A.	(R.	25)	"	21
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SUMMARY OF SPORTS TOPICS

BOWLS

GLYN DE V. BOSISTO, Australia's greatest singles bowler of all time, doesn't believe in keeping strictly to the textbooks. He wouldn't care a jot if a bowler playing for him stood on the mat with his back to the jack and delivered the bowl through his legs, provided it finished near the jack.

Bosisto contends that many famous Australian sportsmen and women in many sporting spheres have been unorthodox to the horror of those who write and read textbooks on their game. Sir Donald Bradman and Marjorie Jackson are a couple who come to mind. If they had forsaken their natural style for the orthodox they would not have become world-beating champions, he says.

Bosisto, a bowls revolutionary, has a unique delivery that has been ridiculed by some as "a and a prayer." This push delivery is the result of his decision about eight years back that small bowls are no use in "big time" bowls. Although his hand is barely big enough for 4 15-16th in. bowls, Bosisto tried to use 5 1-16th in. bowls, but found that they wobbled when delivered, so compromised with 5 in. bowls and perfected an unorthodox delivery.

Bosisto steps on to the mat, and with almost the same action, releases the bowl, then springs forward quickly to regain his balance. As the bowl is delivered he imparts finger-spin, leaving the body out of the action.

This finger-spin is the secret of the amazing success that has

followed the lithe Victorian's switch in style. Without the finger-spin, Bosisto says he would be just a mediocre bowler, maybe a C grader. With it he has won the Australian singles championship four times in a row as well as many other important titles.

Bosisto suggests if young bowlers grasp the fundamentals of the game they will find their delivery will develop automatically. He urges that they develop their own particular style rather than copy the style of any particular bowler who happens to succeed at the moment.

Those who have seen Bosisto go through a tough tournament with most matches "sudden death" 21-up games, have been amazed at his great concentration. Bosisto considers that the first three matches in any tourney are the hardest, and in those matches good bowlers generally find it hard to concentrate.

He says that it is essential throughout a game to keep up the concentration. He once read about a player contesting an important English county title final, who was leading 20-nil in a 21-up match. Before the next head the player who hadn't scored, remarked to his opponent that he didn't want the disgrace of being "clean-sheeted." The opponent relented and allowed the other to score.

On the next end the player who had been allowed to score changed the length of the head, and went on to make up the leeway and win the title. Bosisto has forgotten that story.

He advises young bowlers to try to force an opponent to play his weakness rather than his strength, never leaving it to the opponent to dictate length and choice of hand.



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Bosisto, 53, has been a bowler for 20 years, and has won 26 important tourneys in 20 years. A good tennis player and Australian Rules footballer in Adelaide, he learnt the fundamentals of bowls from his father, who said that if ever his son took up bowls it would be best to start with some knowledge of the game.

So when Bosisto first played competitive bowls in Melbourne, he reached the last four in the Victorian singles and also won Glen Iris Club title. In the same year he had won tennis singles and doubles titles at York Peninsula, but his successes at bowls enabled him to decide to concentrate on this sport.

Three years after he had started serious bowls, Bosisto was chosen as a N.S.W. interstate team skipper, and had, in 1935, won North Sydney Club title.

But Bosisto's greatest triumphs came after he had perfected his unique delivery and changed to larger bowls. He won his first Australian singles title in 1949.

He had a big year in 1951. He retained his Australian singles title at Adelaide (it had not been contested in 1950), won the Australian fours with a team he skippered, the Victorian singles title, Victorian champion of champions, and the Mildura singles.

In 1951 Bosisto joined Auburn Club, Melbourne, and, as a result, the club won the Victorian Division 1 pennant for the first time in 64 years.

Bosisto, who had won the N.S.W. and Metropolitan fours titles in 1941, has won 15 club titles.

Now manager of a leading Melbourne bank, Bosisto is putting something back into the game from which he has obtained so much enjoyment and success. During the last season he visited many clubs under the auspices of the Royal Victorian Bowling Association, giving lectures, and as a result was instrumental in raising £290 for the Children's Charity effort.

GOLF

BILL COX, a leading British professional, has caused a flutter at St. Andrews by boldly suggesting that the golf hole

should be made bigger to take the agony out of putting.

In view of the conservatism not only of the R. and A., but of the majority of golfers everywhere, the suggestion probably has little chance of acceptance in this century.

But it is an engaging idea

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that warrants more than scornful dismissal.

The rules stipulate a hole of 41 inches diameter and at least 4 inches deep, and as far as my research goes this hasn't varied much since golf became an organised sport.

There are odd references to a 4 inch hole, "two or three feet deep," back in the 1880's, but never a greater variation in diameter.

Who fixed the size of the hole, why he decided upon 41 inches diameter, and what relationship this had to the ball then in use are questions to which we shall never know probably answers.

For that matter, why a 41 inch hole today with our standard British 1.62 inch ball and exactly the same size hole with the 1.68 inch American ball.

Theoretically the difference should make putting harder in America, yet American professionals are generally more accurate putters than British professionals.

Bill Cox sees no logical reason why we should not experiment with a 5½ inch or even a 6 inch hole.

"Too often," he says, "a player can hit the ball well and have his score spoiled by the ball finishing on the greens in spots which reduce putting to a pure gamble."

How heartily we will all endorse that!

> He goes on to make these points:

- Greens are seldom level or even in texture and the "luck" in where one's ball lies may penalise too severely good play to the green.
- Tests with mechanical putting machines have revealed a considerable margin of error even on level surfaces, demonstrating that there is a large element of luck in putting.
- The excessive amount of time now spent in studying putts - especially in those friendly "bob-a-hole" four balls — is reducing golf to a funeral pace and any innovation that would speed up play is desirable.

Cox admits that a larger hole would bring golf scores down to the 50's, but he considers this unimportant provided they are a true reflection of golfing skill - not skill plus "luck on the greens."

Well, there it is - a revolutionary suggestion which you will probably support when you are putting badly and oppose when they are dropping for you.

But is is well to remember that golf is not a static game.

The round of 18 holes we know today was not always the accepted standard. One reads of six, seven, and 13 hole links in the early days.

There have been two revolutionary changes in the composi-

tion of the ball, while the range of weapons used has seen continuous variations and improvements.

QUIST ON WIMBLEDON

VITH the curtain over the 1953 Wimbledon, it is appropriate at this stage to analyse the results.

It may enable us to discover if it has any effect on Australia's retaining the Davis Cup.

Without discrediting the magnificent performance of Seixas in winning the title, one must look beyond that, and realise that the ultimate winner is as good, but no better, than several other players in the tournament.

Firstly, his long drawn out against quarter-final match Hoad, finishing 9-7 in the fifth set, indicates there is little difference between these two players.

The fact that he has been beaten by Rosewall on several occasion also proves that the young Australian has little to fear in the future.

Rose, the left-handed Australian, must also be given a chance, should he meet Seixas on grass courts in the future.

The net-rushing American, who is 30, will undoubtedly visit Australia again as a playing member of their challenging team.

We must assume he will be a formidable obstacle for either of our players.

However, he can be beaten. He is a splendid player, but not necessarily a certain match winner.

In the last two challenge rounds, he won one singles match, and lost to Sedgman on both occasions.

At his age one can be assured that his game cannot improve. It is a question, now, whether he is able to retain his keenness during the forthcoming Ameri-

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ean championships and Davis Cup contests.

In the interim, should his play deteriorate, the United States selectors would have no hesitation in favouring another player who could produce better results in the U.S. singles and other important engagements.

This was proved when Dick Savitt won the Australian and Wimbledon titles, and was not selected to play against Australia in the challenge round.

Enthusiasts have been disappointed because an Australian did not win, or reach the final of Wimbledon.

However, when one looks at results, the Australians, as a team, have done remarkably well since they left this country.

Hoad reached the final of the Italian singles championship, and Hoad and Rosewall won the Italian doubles.

Rosewall was victorious against Seixas in the French title, and the boys won the French doubles.

Hoad went on to win the Queen's Club singles champion-ship.

All this goes to show that our players have figured in all finals since they left Australia.

The point arises: does Seixas' victory indicate that America can win back the Davis Cup?

If the match was played during the next month, the outcome would be an even bet. However, the challenge round is played in Melbourne in December, and form at present of the players does not necessarily mean they will produce the same tennis when they reach Australia.

BREEDING

A NOTHER son of Chanteur II has been imported for the next breeding season, which begins on September 1.

He is Rigoletto, a four-yearold from the Fairway mare Fair Dame.

He has been bought by Mr. Herbert Thompson and will stand at Tarwyn Park Stud, now located at Windsor.

The other son of Chanteur is Tauber, who was imported by A. W. Thompson Pty. Ltd. for Widden Stud.

The sire line of Chanteur is new to Australia, and there will be a keen interest to see how it links with the strains in the brood mares here.

Chanteur won at three, four, and five years, his stake winnings being nearly £10,000 in England and more than three million france in France.

He had two attempts at the Ascot Gold Cup, but was beaten into second place each time.

Nevertheless, he was a firstclass racehorse and a stayer who was an immediate success at the stud.

His stock have had only two complete seasons in which to be tested, and in that period they won 36 races.

Included was the leading two-year-old of 1952, Pinza.

Rigoletto stands about 16.1 and is described as a well-to-med horse with excellent head and neck.

He was unsound in the forelegs, and this prevented his being properly trained

But he won two of his four starts—the Chesterfield Stakes (1½ m.), at Doncaster, and Danby Plate (1¾ m. 132 yds.), at Redcar.

Rigoletto's dam, Fair Dame, is bred on lines widely represented here.

She is by Fairway from Danmont, by Diligence (son of Hurry On) from Tillywhim, by Minoru (son of Cyllene).

Fair Dame produced Fairshot,

who won the Leicester Oaks, and Mistress Fair, who is the dam of four winners.

Daumont won four races and was a successful brood mare, and her half-sister Tilia was also a winner and became a dam of nine winners.

Tillywhim won two races and was the dam of nine winners who annexed 40 races between them.

One of her foals was Enrichment, who in turn produced four winners and was granddam of Bernborough's sire, Emborough (imp.).

WOMEN AND GOLF

THE projected tour by a party of American women professionals is providing Australian golf with its most controversial topic for many years.

Already the original plan has been changed — to Sydney's

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advantage — and now a second big problem awaits decision.

The main tournament in which the women will play, the 72-hole Ampol event, was to have been held in Melbourne just before the Australian Open on October 22-24.

But the Australian Golf Union objected, on the ground that it would detract from the Open "gate," and the A.G.U. needs the biggest Open attendance possible to help finance the U.K. tour by an Australian amateur team next year.

So the Ampol authorities agreed to shift their big tournament to Sydney.

In doing so they suggested to the A.G.U. that the American women should be allowed to play in the Open — on level terms with the men.

The A.G.U. has not yet given its decision.

Whether women should be allowed to compete in an Open is a knotty problem.

To date no woman competitor has been accepted for our Open or, for that matter, for the British or American Opens.

Theoretically, there is no bar to them in the general conditions of entry. But the championship committee, an all male body in each case, has the right to refuse any entry without explanation.

In America the Women's (now the Ladies') P.G.A. conducted a women's Open for several years, and, now that it is firmly established, the central male golfing authority, the U.S. Golf Association, has assumed control of it.

This month a London newspaper will sponsor a women's Open for the first time in Britain.

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However, Fred slowed his game up, which suited Eddie very nicely, and at the finish, Eddie was calling the tune and ran out a very comfortable winner after a disappointing contest. Sam Block did a nice job of Umpiring.

The Eastment-McGilvray contest was a real surprise. Geoff had that left hand of his working very nicely and hit some very nice winners. George, who has not been playing a great deal lately, tried very hard to make up the lee-way, but on the day and the handicaps, Geoff had his victory and we all wish him luck during the rest of the

event. Fred Harvie's umpiring was to be commended.

The Chatterton-Kirwan game was also a surprise. Bill, who was trained to the minute, was looked upon as something of a certainty. Collin, fresh off the grass, went into the fray with everything to gain and nothing to lose, playing the game of his life to defeat Bill 41-32. Which just goes to show that you can never be certain of anything. I recommend a change of stables for Bill. Sam Block again helped at Umpiring. Same appears to be on hand any time he is required. Nice work Sam.

"That's all for this month."

The A.G.U. has to make up its mind whether to follow the overseas example of segregating the sexes or allow the American women to compete for the fillip they would undoubtedly give "gate" receipts.

Biggest factor influencing a "no" decision will be fear that the Americans might shame many of our players by finishing ahead of them.

So far three American women have accepted Ampol's invitation. Negotiations are continuing for a fourth.

The acceptors are: Mrs. Jacqueline ("Jackie") Pung, Miss Marlene Bauer and her recently married sister, Mrs. Alice Hagge.

Mrs. Pung is a recent "name" player. After many successes at her home town, Honolulu, she entered for the American women's amateur championship last August and surprised everyone by walking away with the title.

The wife of a Chinese fireman, and the mother of two daughters, Mrs. Pung is half Hawaiian, aged 30, 5ft. 3in. and weighs 14 stone. She is reputed to drive 300 yards with ease.

During her memorable national title victory at Long Beach, California, she shocked golf officials in the quarter-finals by taking off her shoes and socks and dancing a hula hula around the 18th green.

This made an excellent sporting picture, but it earned an official rebuke and reduced her to tears.

However, her recovery was speedy and she won her semi-final 6 and 4 in under-par figures.

The Bauer sisters, now in their early 20's, have been prominent in American golf since their teens.

They owe their success to their father, Dave Bauer, professional at Sarasota Bay Club, Florida, and an exceedingly shrewd businessman.

Under his tuition both girls won many amateur junior titles. They are slightly built, but he taught them to hit the ball phenomenal distances.

RIBANDS-

Glamour Horse of Australian Trotting

MR. and Mrs. Frank Kelloway's Ribands glamour horse of the Australian trotting industry, has proved himself one of Australia's greatest - ever pacers but, apart from the Harold Park Summer Handicap last January, he has never won an important race.

Ribands covered himself, his owners and his breed with glory in the heats of this year's Inter-Dominion championship at Gloucester Park, Perth. But on the final night of the carnival he went under to the South Australian, Captain Sandy, when in a seemingly unbeatable position.

Ribands lost none of his prestige by his Inter-Dominion defeat. That he was still one of Australia's greatest horses was evidenced less than a week after the final when Captain Sandy established an all-time Australasian mile record of 1 min. 57½ secs.

Only 1½ yards separated Captain Sandy and Ribands in the final after Ribands had beaten

Captain Sandy twice during the heats of the championship.

This performance was on a parallel with Ribands' run in the 1952 Sydney Pacers' Derby. After a succession of wins, Ribands went under to Centennial Hall who won by a neck in Australasian record time.

Since then, however, Ribands has been beaten only three times in 13 starts. Avian Derby's stablemate, Avondale, beat him at Harold Park in October and two starts later he was third to Andi and Bangaway—again at Harold Park.

He had four starts at the Inter-Dominion championships for three firsts and a second.

Ribands was foaled in September, 1948, a few weeks before night trotting was legalised in this State. A son of Lawn Derby-Marie Walla, he was born at Frank Smith's Kiallan Stud, near Cowra.

He was a handsome, quiet and intelligent foal and was handled when no more than a week old. As a yearling he was broken in by Frank Smith and immediately afterwards was transferred to the stables of leading Cowra trainer, Jim Ryan.

During his early education Ribands showed exceptional promise. While still a two-yearold he covered the last two furlongs of a work-out in 30 secs.

As a foal, Ribands looked as though he might have a peculiar gait, but Ryan paid special attention to the horse's shoeing and he eventually developed into a perfect pacer.

At his first start in a race—judged on speed, style and conformation—he beat the opposition by the length of the straight at the Canowindra Show. A week earlier he had won a ribbon at Cowra for the best two-year-old trotting and pacing colt at the show.

Smith wasn't particularly interested in keeping the colt to race him. Kiallan colts have always been sold. Filles have been retained on the stud to race and for brood mares.

So the young Lawn Derby colt was placed on the market.

A visit to Cowra by Frank Kelloway and leading Sydney trainer-driver, Perc Hall, ended in the sale of Ribands to his present owners.



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The Club Membership List was recently opened for a period of one month, and 1,150 applications were received. A ballot was held as to the order in which such applications should be considered. The limit of membership was increased from 2,000 to 2,200, the additional 200 to be admitted from time to time at the discretion of the Committee at the rate of not more than 25 per month. It is proposed to publish in this magazine a further series of the names of applicants. The following are to be considered in rotation. This is List No. 14.

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× July, 1932

ULY, 1932, was the first month of the Chairmanship of W. W. Hill - he had been elected unopposed. Previous Chairman. W. H. Whiddon, retired from office in June and did not seek re-election. Today's older members will recall the names of the Committee - many of them, we are glad to stay, still with us: Treasurer, S. E. Chatterton; Thomas Hannan, George Marlow, J. H. O'Dea, J. A. Roles, J. H. Saunders, W. J. Smith, F. G. Underwood, R. Walder. Secretary of those far-off days was, of course, T. T. Manning.

UST in case you have forgotten how much a pound could buy in those spacious days when money really was money, there is an advertisement in the Magazine of July, 1932, for Car Insurance through the Club. For £15 you could insure your car for literally everything, including third party, and your own life or injury as well; for car to the value of £500. The tariff didn't mention cars above that figure, for the simple reason that there weren't very many that cost more.

1932 was a year of a severe influenza epidemic, and the Magazine carried sad news of several older members who had contracted pneumonia and passed on. Most noteworthy was the death of Arthur M. H. Levy, who had been a member of the Club since 1887 — that goes well back toward the early days. Another regretful passing was

that of Hugh Boyle, for fifty years an authority on Billiards, referee of many important games in Sydney, and secretary of the Amateur Billiards Association for a long period.

THE Swimming Club was enthusiastically preparing for the 1932 Swimming Ball, down for August 20. The Dewar Cup, precursor of the "Native Son" Trophy, was won by Ken Hunter from Stan Carroll, with Alec Richards third. It was a good year for swimming altogether the Australian Olympic swimmers did well at the Games at Los Angeles: Clare Dennis won the 200 metres breaststroke. Bonnie Mealing was second in the 100 metres backstroke, and we had a fourth and fifth in other races with Noel Rvan and Frances Bult. Most of these athletes had swum in the Club's pool before leaving for the Games.

The Golf Club also was going strong, with an event at Avondale on 29th June. Best card was from C. McLeod, 2 up, with K. A. Bennett close behind him.

OTHER events of a full month included more games in the Inter-Club Games Competition. In June we met C.T.A. Club, and, contrary to expectations, won the Dominoes, Billiards and Snooker, losing only the Bridge by a small margin. The record says it was a memorable evening.

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Sydney Turf Club Sat. 2 (At Rosehill)	9 Australian Jockey Club Sat. 31 (At Randwick)	Australian Jockey Club Sat. 26 (At Randwick)

in condition and prevent them from becoming gross through idleness. They are led and lunged every morning, have regular times in the sand roll, and most of the day are free to walk or trot about their individual yards. Usually they are locked in their stables for an hour at lunch time, and again for a short while in the afternoon, but they are allowed and encouraged to get as much sunshine as possible.

Not all stallions react in the same way. They vary in temperament and demand different approaches.

Famous Manitoba, who died in 1951, always wanted his own way, did not care for strangers, and did not hesitate to nip or bite. He would brook no encroachment on his own property, and would chase everyone from his yard: everyone but Singleton that is. Manitoba was one of St. Aubins' most successful stallions. Winnings of his progeny totalled £306,080.

Beau Son, a son of Beau Pere, is highly strung, peculiar to handle and slow to make friends. He insists that everything be done the same way and in the same order every day. If his routine is altered he is upset, and then look out for trouble.

Hua, sire of San Domenico and The Groom, is a different type. He is even-tempered and likes to be petted. Hua is proving himself to be one of the best Australian-bred sires in N.S.W.; winnings of his progeny to date total £183,780 — £11,514 this season.

Another stallion at St. Aubins is Calabar, originally bought in England by Mr. Geoffrey Armstrong, and later sold to St.

Aubins. Calabar is a horse of good height and bone, and introduces into Australia the blood of Caerleon, a successful sire in England. Calabar is a horse of peculiar colour. Officially he would be described as a liver chestnut, but he is even deeper, actually bronze.

Near Way, latest acquisition at St. Aubins, was imported from England a year or two ago after some success there — his first progeny are now at foot, none are yet racing. Near Way is by Nearco from Booklet by Sir Gallahad III. Dam of Sir Gallahad III was Plucky Liege, who was the dam also of Bors Roussel, sire of Delville Wood.

St. Aubins is a breeding place of high class bloodstock. Its yearlings bring thousands of guineas at sale. Its sires and mares cannot be valued in terms of money and its racehorses have won some of the biggest stakes in Australia.

Yet, contentedly nibbling the soft grasses in a paddock is a long-haired black pony prized as much for his usefulness as are the thoroughbreds for their bloodlines and potential speed. He is Tommy, the little carthorse who was on the property when Mr. Smith bought it. Tommy knows his job as well as do the boys who work with him.

Often, when the lads have worked late in the fields and have to rush back to the stables to feed and groom the horses, they allow Tommy to collect the feed buckets while they do the chores. Tommy, unaided, will walk 200 yards to the feed barn and back his cart into the open door. When the buckets are loaded he immediately trots off to deliver them at the stables. St. Aubins would as lief sell one of their stallions as see Tommy leave the property.

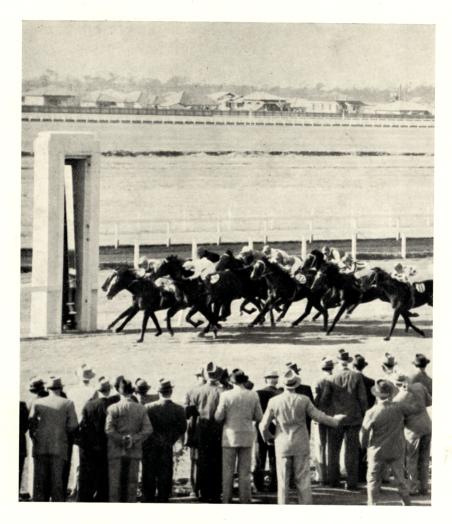
in them to recover and win—unless they are up against another real class horse who just refuses to slow down before the finishing post.

In any event, it is conceded that the first turn lump was not sufficient to throw Native Dancer off his stride. Moreover, Dark Star started from wide out — only Royal Bay Gem was outside him — and Moreno had to turn on a burst of speed to cross safely in front of the field to get a spot near the rails.

Naturally Royal Gem's standing as a successful sire has been boosted by the fact that his progeny finished first and fourth in the Derby. Racing men are seeking any chance to acquire his yearlings. Mr. Jones has a yearling (by Phar Mon) half sister to Dark Star and a sister to Royal Bay Gem. He plans to keep both fillies, but will have full brothers to Dark Star and Royal Bay Gem to sell next year. Royal Bay Gem was foaled on Derby Day, 1950, and Byardere dropped his full brother on Derby Day this year. It is doubtful if Warner Jones will let anything go for a modest 6,500 dollars (£A3,000), the price Guggenheimer paid for Dark Star at the summer sale of 1951.

American breeders who have Australian sires at stud are all looking to cashing in on the standing given Australian stallions by the successes of Royal Gem's progeny. Owners of the Kentmere Farm, in Boyce, Virginia, are especially hopeful. The farm has Beau Gem, now billed in big type in racing and blood horse journals as "Half-brother to sire of Kentucky winner Dark Star." Further described as "one of the top horses in Australia, like his half-brother, Royal Gem, was before him."

PICTURE OF THE MONTH



True Leader Gains Narrow Win in the Doomben Ten Thousand

Quite a few members saw Arthur Greenhalgh's horse, True Leader, win the Doomben Ten Thousand on July 4th, in a remarkably close finish. The picture at the post was a handicapper's dream, with scarcely three lengths separating the first ten horses. True Leader beat Coniston (9) by a head, with Karendi (on rails) a nose away third.

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